

Combined Schedule – Festhalle, Grange, Gazebo
2025 Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration
LIAC 2025 Dates: June 26 – 29, 2025

Notes: schedule subject to change; check website for details and updates;
an update board will also be posted in the Festhalle during the celebration.

Festhalle - Thursday – June 26

noon	Festhalle opens; vendor tables being readied in foyer
4:30pm	Auditorium closed for concert preparation-sound check
6:30pm	Auditorium open for seating
6:50pm	Welcome Evening highlighting bands with the accordion
7:00- 7:50pm	Leavenworth's Alpenfolk Band (directed by Thomas Tilton)
7:50-8:10pm	break
8:10-9:00pm	Spokane Accordion Ensemble (directed by Beverley Fess)

Festhalle - Friday – June 27

8:45 am	Festhalle opens
10:00-Noon	Competition: Judges: <i>Matt Tolentino, Andy Mirkovich</i> Variety (V-1) Artistry: Accordion Artistry Performance 18 & over (AA-1)
1:30-3:45pm	Competition: Judges: <i>Beverley Fess, Andy Mirkovich</i> Duets (ADU-O), Diatonic (DI-O), Bands (BA-O)
4:30 pm	Auditorium closed for concert preparation-sound check
6:30 pm	Auditorium open for seating
6:50pm	Welcome Evening highlighting accordionist & multi-instrumentalist Matt Tolentino
7:00-7:50pm	1st half: <i>Matt Tolentino - Ragtime music</i>
7:50-8:10pm	break
8:10-9:00pm	2nd half: <i>Matt Tolentino - French music</i>

Festhalle - Saturday – June 28

8:45 am	Festhalle opens
9:30-Noon	Competition: Judges: <i>Hank Thunander, Beverley Fess</i> Variety (V-2), (V-3), Classical (18 & under CL-A), Duets (ADU-A), Artistry: Accordion Artistry Performance (17 & under AA-2)
12:30 pm	Frank Calapristi Accordion Parade/Gather at Festhalle
12:45 pm	Frank Calapristi Accordion Parade/Parade down Front Street to Gazebo
1:45-3:45pm	Competition: Judges: <i>Andy Mirkovich, Beverley Fess</i> Leavenworth Open (LV-O), Classical Open (CL-O)
4:30 pm	Auditorium closed for concert preparation-sound check
6:30 pm	Auditorium open for seating
6:50pm	Welcome Evening highlighting the best of Polka and Tango music
7:00-7:50pm	<i>Hank Thunander – The World of Polkas</i>
7:50-8:10pm	break
8:10-9:00pm	<i>Ben Thomas Trio – Tango music with Bandoneon</i>

Festhalle – Sunday, June 29

9:00am	Festhalle opens
9:45 – 10:15	Competition Highlights Concert
10:15am	Awards Ceremony; Visiting and Clean up;
12:00pm	Festhalle closes

Grange - Thursday, June 26

1:30 – 3:00	Grange available for jamming or practicing	Grange/Upper
3:00-4:30pm	Gazebo Ensemble Rehearsal with Jakob Bean - FREE (Playing in a group; Rehearse Gazebo Ensemble music)	Grange/Upper

Grange - Friday, June 27

9:00am	Grange opens	Grange
9:30-11:30	Private Coaching: with John Giuliani, Hank Thunander; all skill levels	Grange/Lower
12:00-1:00	Private Coaching: with John Giuliani, Hank Thunander; all skill levels	Grange/Lower
1:30-3:30pm	FREE Accordion lessons by The Northwest Accordion Society	Grange/Lower
3:30–5:00pm	Available for Practicing	Grange/Lower
10:00–11:30am	Workshop with Mark Myking Louisiana Comes to Leavenworth	Grange/Upper
12:30-1:30pm	Workshop with Thomas Tilton The Accordion's Humble Beginnings	Grange/Upper
2:00-3:00pm	Workshop with Hank Thunander The World Of Polkas	Grange/Upper
3:30 – 5:00	Jam Session for all accordionists; Hosts: Rod Miller/Cooksie Kramer - FREE	Grange/Upper
3:20-4:10pm	FYI-Gazebo Ensemble (perform at the Gazebo)	Gazebo

Grange - Saturday, June 28

9:00am	Grange opens	Grange
9:30-11:30	Private Coaching: with John Giuliani, Matt Tolentino; all skill levels	Grange/Lower
12:00-1:00	Private Coaching: with John Giuliani, Matt Tolentino; all skill levels	Grange/Lower
1:30-3:30pm	FREE Accordion lessons by The Northwest Accordion Society	Grange/Lower
3:30–5:00pm	Available for Practicing	Grange/Lower
10:00–11:30am	Circle Jam for all accordionists; Hosts: Bonnie Birch/Cooksie Kramer – FREE	Grange/Upper
12:30-1:15pm	Frank Calapristi Accordion Parade (gather at Festhalle and parade down Front Street)	Festhalle
1:30-2:30pm	Workshop with Ben Thomas Tango Articulation and Phrasing on the Accordion	Grange/Upper
3:00-4:00pm	Workshop with Matt Tolentino The Accordion in Ragtime, Hot Jazz, and Early Swing	Grange/Upper
3:20-4:10pm	FYI-Gazebo Ensemble (perform at the Gazebo)	Gazebo
4:30-5:30pm	Workshop with Matt Tolentino The Accordion in Ragtime, Hot Jazz, and Early Swing	Grange/Upper

King Ludwig's Concert Summary:

(this location replaces the concerts in the Grange)

Friday, June 27 (Host: Mark Myking)

12:30–1:00 Beverley Fess and Ron Griffin
1:00 – 1:30 Charlie Brown
1:30 – 2:00 Bonnie Birch
2:00 – 2:30 David Locke
2:30 – 3:00 Steve Gordon
3:00 – 3:30 Terry Ranstad

Saturday, June 28 (Host: Mark Myking)

12:30–1:00 Birgit and Phil Ages
1:00 – 1:30 Jakob Bean
1:30 – 2:00 Key C Trio (Cathy, Colleen, Jeanie)
2:00 – 2:30 Rod Miller
2:30 – 3:00 Jim Lapsansky and Cathy Cowley
3:00 – 3:30 Mark Myking

Gazebo Schedule Summary:

See website Performances/Gazebo Schedule for details

Thurs: 11am – 5:00pm

Fri, Sat: 11am – 5:00pm (Gazebo Ensemble 3:20 – 4:10 p.m.)

Sun: 11am – 2:30pm

Private Coaching, FREE Accordion Lessons, Jam Sessions

(All held in the Grange, See times above)